Parkersville Inn's grand opening nears

❑ Friday opening is anticipated

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Participants in the Washington State Knowledge Bowl Tournament at Camas High School are expected to be among the first guests at the Best Western Parkersville Inn & Suites, in Washougal.

Jeff Brody, general manager of the hotel, anticipates a Friday opening. That is subject to approval by a Best Western Corporation quality assurance representative this week.

"The anticipation is tangible," Brody said Monday. "We are anxious for opening day. We can hardly wait. The employees are jazzed. We've spent many hours of preparation."

The four-story, 78-unit hotel is located at 121 S. Second St., near The Parker House Restaurant. The rooms and suites have refrigerators, microwaves, coffeemakers, 32-inch flat screen TVs and wired and wireless Internet service. Some suites have fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs. The inn also has several meeting rooms, a heated indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center.

Hot continental breakfasts, at no extra charge for hotel guests. Room rates start at $99 per night, with AAA, AARP and group reservation discounts available.

Brody, a Livingston Mountain resident with 15 years of experience in the hotel industry, said there are 15 employees at the Parkersville Inn.

"We've made a concerted effort to hire local employees and use local businesses when we can," he said. "At least three-fourths of the employees are local.

"We want to be an integral part of the community, to serve the needs of Camas and Washougal residents and to serve the needs of travelers and tourists who are here to see the Columbia River Gorge," Brody added. "We've had many inquiries from people dropping in. Wedding parties have reserved several rooms. The community's reaction has been very positive."

The Best Western Parkersville Inn & Suites is owned by Shree Bhagya Laxmi, LLC, a corporation based in Clackamas, Ore. E.A. White Construction Co., Inc., of Tualatin, Ore., is the $5.5 million project's general contractor.

For more information, call the inn at 835-9292.